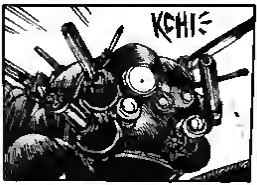
SPAK
KLIK
BLAMBLAM
BLAM
AAA!
BEEEEP
GAME OVER

HEY! THE LIGHT BEAM WENT OUT!
WHA?
GAIA STOPPED ATTACKING?
KEEP THE COOLANT GOING! DON'T STOP YET!
ESWAT FIRE 2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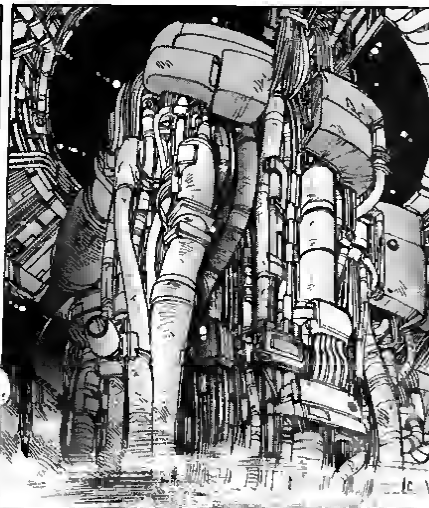
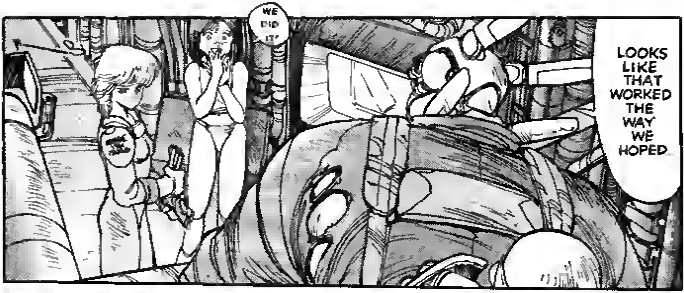
BWHOOOM
LAST ONE GONE!




WE DID IT!
LOOKS LIKE THAT WORKED THE WAY WE HOPED

THE [illegible] BEAT THE MACHINES!

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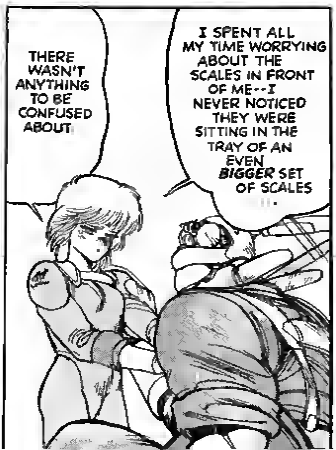
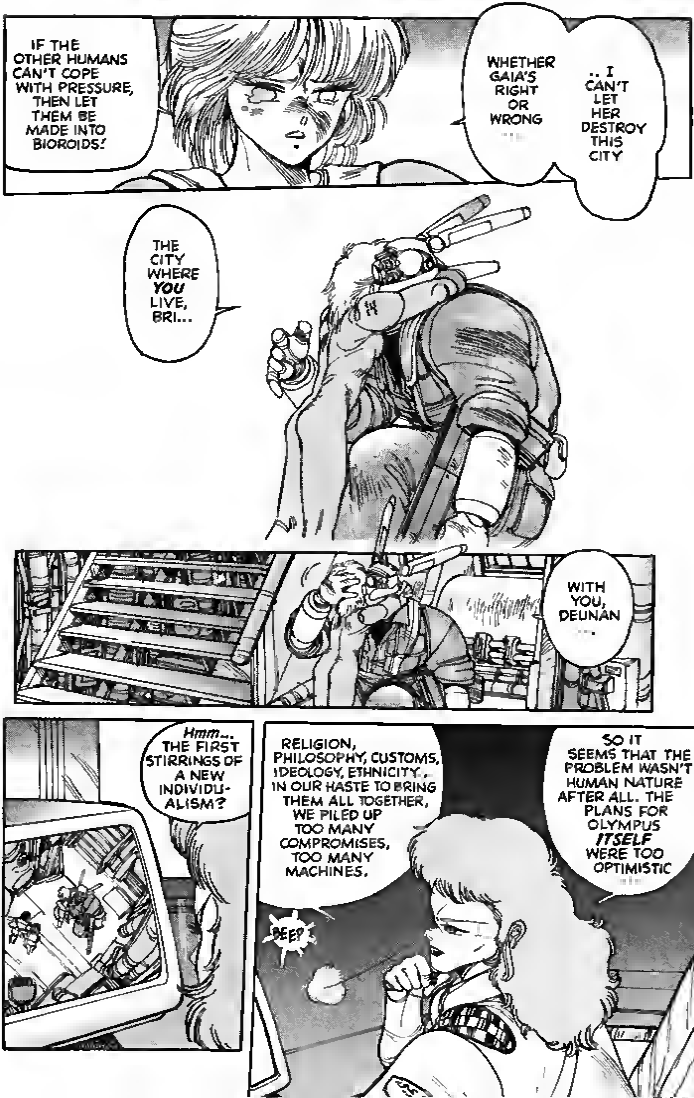
I'M SORRY...
I'M SO SORRY...


THERE WASN'T ANYTHING TO BE CONFUSED ABOUT.
I SPENT ALL MY TIME WORRYING ABOUT THE SCALES IN FRONT OF ME--I NEVER NOTICED THEY WERE SITTING IN THE TRAY OF AN EVEN *BIGGER* SET OF SCALES...

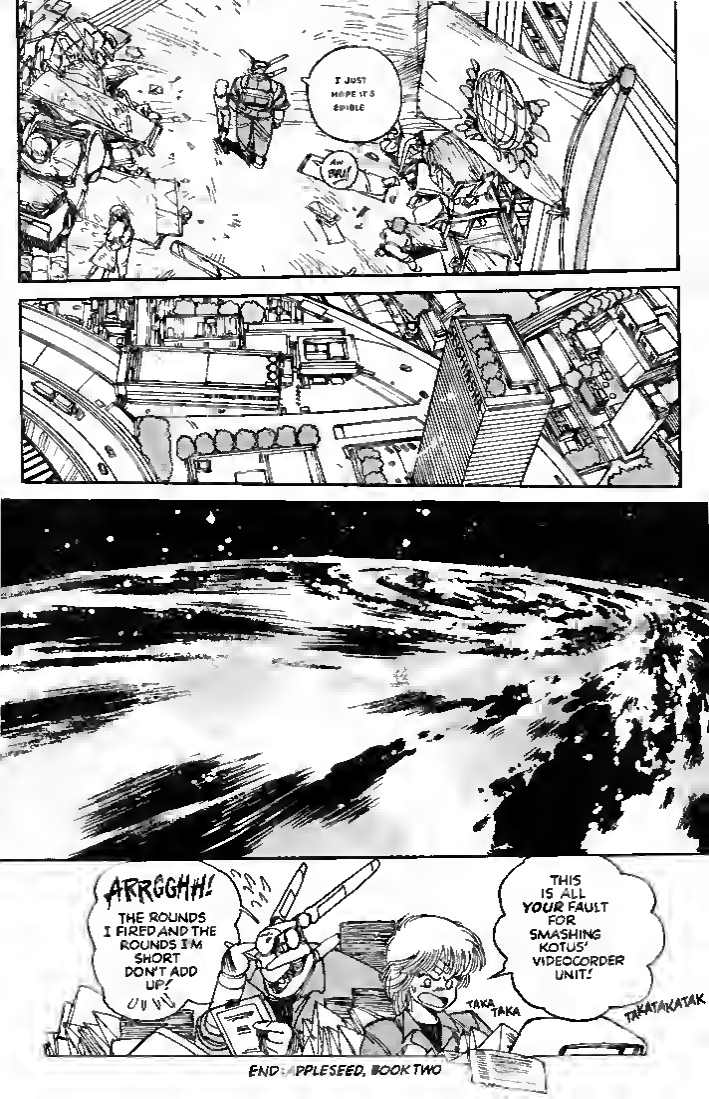

IF THE OTHER HUMANS CAN'T COPE WITH PRESSURE, THEN LET THEM BE MADE INTO BIOROIDS!
WHETHER GAIA'S RIGHT OR WRONG
.. I CAN'T LET HER DESTROY THIS CITY
THE CITY WHERE YOU LIVE, BRI...
WITH YOU, DEUNAN
Hmm... THE FIRST STIRRINGS OF A NEW INDIVIDUALISM?
RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, CUSTOMS, IDEOLOGY, ETHNICITY... IN OUR HASTE TO BRING THEM ALL TOGETHER, WE PILED UP TOO MANY COMPROMISES, TOO MANY MACHINES.
SO IT SEEMS THAT THE PROBLEM WASN'T HUMAN NATURE AFTER ALL. THE PLANS FOR OLYMPUS ITSELF WERE TOO OPTIMISTIC
BEEP

"NO FLEXIBILITY A TOTALLY DEAD SOCIETY. WE FORGOT THAT TOOLS ALWAYS NEED A HAND TO GUIDE THEM".
"THE LIMITS WERE *OURS* THE LIMITS OF OLYMPUS ...
AIA..
AND NOW, WITH THE COUNCIL'S *HOPE* PLAN... OLYMPUS WILL BE NOTHING BUT ANOTHER PAWN IN THE GAME.
GAIA
A
BIO-SEX MONSTER
THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL WILL PASS AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE... ARE YOU SURE?
DON'T WORRY-- I'LL FORCE A RIDER FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORIGINAL SPECIES.
?
!
GET ME A HELICOPTER!
I'M GOING TO MEET THE COUNCIL!

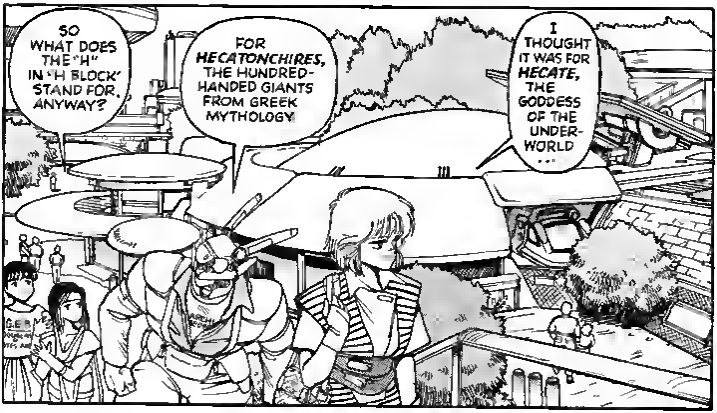
WHUP
WHUP WHUP
WHUP
IT WON'T BE A "FINAL SOLUTION"
EVEN THE BEST MEDICINE CAN BE POISONOUS IF YOU TAKE TOO MUCH...AND POISON IN THE RIGHT QUANTITIES OFTEN MAKES GOOD MEDICINE
STILL, USING NEITHER IS THE BEST SOLUTION OF ALL
IN ANY CASE, THE COUNCIL CAN DO AS THEY PLEASE. JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO, GAIA GAVE ME THE NEXT NAME IN THE REGISTER OF KEYWORD HOLDERS. WITH THEM, I CAN TRIGGER THE NEXT STAGE OF GAIA'S DEVELOPMENT
COLLECTING GUINEA PIGS, PUTTING LANDMATES ON SALE, THE HOPE PLAN...
...AND NOW THE KEYWORD REGISTER. THE PIECES ARE FINALLY COMING TOGETHER --I CAN SEE IT NOW.
Hmm?
WHUP WHUP
THE AGE OF THE BIOROIDS!!!!
WHUP WHUP
THIS WILL BE THE AGE WHEN "HOMO SAPIENS" TAKES ON ITS TRUE MEANING .. "MAN OF WISDOM!"
WHUP
WHUP WHUP WHUP

SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
I DUNNO. MAYBE GO BACK INTO THAT JAIL?
SAY, BRI
Hmm?
THE WORLD LOOKS SO SMALL FROM UP HERE
C'MON, NOW... DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY
KNOW WHAT?
I THINK I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOONG VACATION.
WANT TO GO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THIS CITY WITH ME?
SOUNDS FINE TO ME

ALL CITIZENS ARE REQUESTED TO RECORD THE DAMAGE IN THEIR AREA ON VIDEOTAPE!
WELL I'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT... WILL I ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO TELL WHAT IT IS BY TASTE INSTEAD OF NAME?
I'LL EVEN COOK FOR YOU!
GEEZ!
COULDN'T YOU AT LEAST TRY TO SOUND PLEASED?! JUST FOR APPEARANCES SAKE?!
Hrmm... IS IT REALLY GOING TO TASTE GOOD THIS TIME?
COME ON... GOOD COMPANY MAKES THE BEST SPICE!
E.S.W.A.
Mmmmmm... OKAY, I'LL GO FOR THAT!
LET'S GO!

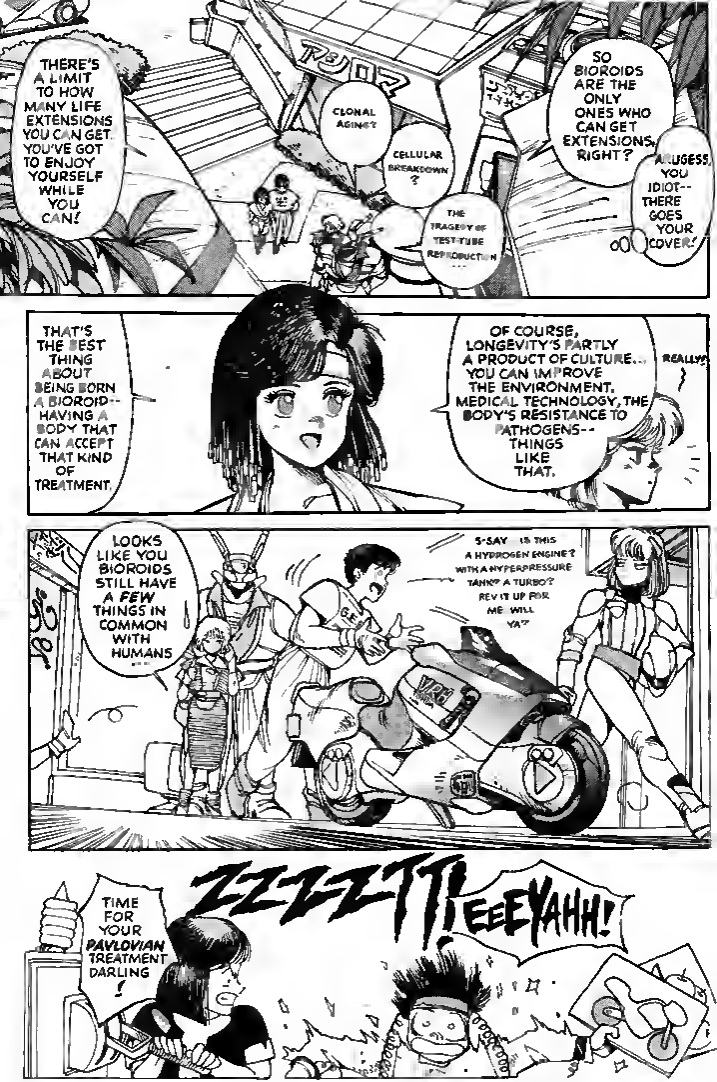

I JUST HOPE IT'S EDIBLE
AH-PAH!
ARRGGHH!
THE ROUNDS I FIRED AND THE ROUNDS I'M SHORT DON'T ADD UP!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT FOR SMASHING KOTUS' VIDEOCORDER UNIT!
TAKA TAKA
TAKATAKATAK
END: APPLESEED, BOOK TWO

APPENDIX


SO WHAT DOES THE "H" IN 'H BLOCK' STAND FOR, ANYWAY?
FOR *HECATONCHIRES*, THE HUNDRED-HANDED GIANTS FROM GREEK MYTHOLOGY.
I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR *HECATE*, THE GODDESS OF THE UNDER-WORLD...

HEY, WHAT A GREAT BACK ALLEY!
LOOK! A GUN SHOP FOR POLICEMEN! LET'S CHECK IT OUT AND GET THE SALESMEN ALL EXCITED!
UNIPUNA ANNAPUNA
COFFEE SHOP
ANNA PUNA
LOOP HOLE
GET A LOAD OF THESE ANTIQUES!
BRIAREOS! THEY'VE GOT A CUSTOM STEYR GB LIKE THE ONE MY DAD USED IN THAT CRIME PREVENTION POSTER!
I'VE GOT TO GET IT!!
G.E.B. DOUGLAS & HOKESTAR'S
WHAT ABOUT YOUR GUGES BILL?
DON'T BE A CHEAP-SKATE!
THAT'S NOT FOR SALE.
I WONDER IF I SHOULD SWITCH TO A RUBBER GRIP. PACHMAYR'S GOOD...
THAT'S NOT FOR SALE
OH, YEAH? WHAT KIND OF SHOP IS THIS, THEN?
FOR THESE! THESE!
NECKLACES?
WOW! GREAT!
THESE LAPIS LAZULI STONES WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS, THEY DO AND THEY LOOK GOOD ON YOU, AYE

BUT I'LL ONLY SELL THEM TO YOU IF YOU SWEAR TO NEVER GET A LIFE EXTENSION TREATMENT!
THE REAL THING? INCREDIBLE
ALL RIGHT!! MY LUCKY DAY! ♡ I'M COVERED BY THE NEW ORIGINAL SPECIES ACT - I'M NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A LIFE EXTENSION!
DISCRIMI-NATION!
DISCRIMI-NATION!
WAAH!!
WHAT ABOUT ME? THIS LOOKS LIKE SEX DISCRIMI-NATION!
FOOL! YOU'D BEST WATCH OUT-- IF THEY PERMITTED CROSSBREEDING WITH BIOROIDS, THEIR LITTLE LAW'D BE WORTHLESS!
ANYWAY, WHEN IT'S TIME, I'M GOING TO HAVE A CLONE MADE.
IT'S YOUR SPIRIT I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, NOT YOUR BODY!
HEY, WHAT'VE I TOLD YOU ABOUT BOTHERIN' MY CUSTOMERS, GRANNY?!
LOOP HOLE
ANOTHER DAY, YOUNG LADY!
Heh, heh, heh..
NO FAIR! RRRGH.
Hmph! SEE IF I CARE BUT YOU BETTER LET ME BORROW IT, OR I WON'T INTRODUCE YOU TO MY BEAUTY PARLOR, OR DANCE INSTRUCTOR, OR DIVING CLUB OR SILVER CRYSTAL TEAM, SO THERE!
Hmm, FASCINATED BY MATERIAL SHE
YOU SURE ARE INVOLVED IN A LOT OF THINGS...
IT'S GOOD TO PARTICIPATE.
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET A LOT OUT OF LIFE.
YOSHI CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT MOTORCYCLES, THOUGH. HE'D DUMP ME IN A MINUTE IF HE COULD SLEE WITH THEM, I BET.
G.E.B.
AW, C'MON...


THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MANY LIFE EXTENSIONS YOU CAN GET. YOU'VE GOT TO ENJOY YOURSELF WHILE YOU CAN!
CLONAL AGING?
CELLULAR BREAKDOWN?
THE TRAGEDY OF TEST-TUBE REPRODUCTION...
SO BIOROIDS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN GET EXTENSIONS, RIGHT?
ALUGESS, YOU IDIOT--THERE GOES YOUR COVER!
THAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING BORN A BIOROID--HAVING A BODY THAT CAN ACCEPT THAT KIND OF TREATMENT.
OF COURSE, LONGEVITY'S PARTLY A PRODUCT OF CULTURE... YOU CAN IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, THE BODY'S RESISTANCE TO PATHOGENS--THINGS LIKE THAT.
REALLY?
LOOKS LIKE YOU BIOROIDS STILL HAVE A FEW THINGS IN COMMON WITH HUMANS...
S-SAY... IS THIS A HYDROGEN ENGINE? WITH A HYPERPRESSURE TANK? A TURBO? REV IT UP FOR ME, WILL YA?
TIME FOR YOUR PAVLOVIAN TREATMENT DARLING!
ZZZZTT!
EEEYAHH!

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